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## A MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING

George Nicoll, Veteran of World War, Dies as Result of Bullet Wound Inflicted by Accident. Buried With Military Honors.

The body of George Nicoll, Canadian war veteran, who died at his home in Andover, Saturday night as a result of the severing of an artery in his leg by a bullet, was laid at rest in Spring Grove cemetery Tuesday afternoon, after funeral services had been conducted by Rev. Frederick A. Wilson at the Free church.

Norman McLeish represented Andover Post 8, American Legion, at the funeral, and there was a delegation of ex-service men in attendance including William Holden, James Duncan, Elmer Davis, George Smalley, William Renny, John Campbell, Wendall Kydd and James Moore. The pallbearers were former members of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. A squad of legion men fired a volley over the grave and taps was sounded.

Some circumstances in connection with the death of Nicoll led to the suspicion of possible foul play. Although Chief of Police Frank M. Smith was convinced from the start that the death of Nicoll was due to an accident, he decided in view of rumors which were afloat, and because of dif-

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## NEW RESIDENCE DAMAGED

Firemen Fight Bad Blaze at House Being Built for M. M. Converse. Frozen Hydrant, Hose, Hands and Feet, Hammer Work of Firemen

Last night at half-past ten, with the thermometer below zero, the Andover firemen were called out by an alarm from box 23 to fight a fire in the house in process of construction for Marquis M. Converse. Curiously enough the new house is built on the same foundation used for the house of M. P. Darcy, which was totally destroyed by fire several years ago. Combination one and two and ladder number one responded.

The fire which was caused by an overheated furnace, was discovered by a watchman who was in the basement. When the firemen arrived the fire had worked its way into the partitions and the entire building was full of smoke. The severe weather made fire fighting a

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## LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Miss Evelyn Hardy is spending the winter at Orlando, Florida.

Miss Jennie Wetterberg has accepted a position with the Merrimack Insurance Company.

George Temple has been elected president of the Huntington School Athletic Association.

John Gillespie of Winnipeg is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. James Gillespie, High street.

Garfield Lodge, K. of P., at its meeting Monday night, voted \$10.00 to the Armenian Relief Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morse of Washington, D. C., are visiting at Mr. Morse's former home on Elm street.

Miss Margaret Rodger of Maple avenue is convalescing after an operation at the Lawrence General hospital.

George A. Torrey of the Tyer Rubber company has returned from an extended business trip to the Southwest and California.

Mrs. Clara Mosher, mother of James R. Mosher of Oxford street, Shawshen Village is spending the winter months at Panama.

Miss Elsie Cheever who is enjoying a respite from her duties in Washington, is spending a few weeks at her home on Chestnut street.

Mr. J. Harold Melledge and family are occupying the house on Chestnut street which was recently purchased from Mrs. Abraham Marland.

Miss Helen French of School street took part in the annual Christmas concert at Smith college, Northampton, as a member of the mandolin club.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of the Free church held a sewing meeting this afternoon. Miss Clara Baldwin and Mrs. Charles Clark were hostesses.

Clan Johnson meets tonight in Garfield hall. Royal Deputy John Wilkinson of Clan MacPherson, Lawrence, will install the officers on Friday, January 2nd.

Harry Payne captain of Punched and John Noyes, center on the Phillips Academy team of 1916 will play for South Lawrence, Saturday at O'Sullivan park.

P. J. Donovan of Elm street, one time major league star, has been signed to act as coach of the Chicago National league club pitching staff. He also will assist manager Mitchell in directing the club.

An alarm from Box 4 called the department to a chimney fire in the house on Chandler road owned by Louis A. Dane. Combination No. 1 responded and covered over eleven miles. There was no damage.

William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen company, has deeded a large tract of land to his son, Cornelius A. Wood of Andover. The tract comprises 79,875 square feet of land and is located at the intersection of the southerly line of Haverhill street and the westerly line of Burnham road.

## LOCAL NEWS NOTES

The public schools close today, reopening on Monday, December 29th.

The Hawthorne club met Monday night and were entertained by Mrs. Percy Crosby of Bartlett street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Abbott of Whittier street have moved into the cottage erected by them on Washington avenue.

Robert T. Bushnell attended a dinner given to Lord Dunsany at the Copley Plaza by the officers of the Harvard Dramatic Club.

Thursday night the Ladies Auxiliary 42, O. S. C., met in Garfield hall at 7:30 o'clock. Deputy Mrs. MacDonald of the Grand lodge was present.

Miss Elizabeth Allen, teacher of physical training at St. Mary's school, Garden City, is spending the Christmas vacation at her home on Bartlett street.

Miss Lucretia Lowe, a teacher in the English Department of the University of Illinois is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Lowe of Summer street.

Andover Council, 1078, Knights of Columbus conferred the second degree on a large class of candidates Sunday afternoon in the council rooms. The third degree was exemplified Tuesday evening in the town hall.

Captain Brosman of the Lowell police force reports that one of the boys who made the break at the house of T. N. Dowling on Chandler road, has been arrested and returned to the Lyman School at Westboro.

Mrs. Minnie Look, mother of Dr. P. J. Look of 115 Main street, was pleasantly surprised on Wednesday afternoon by neighbors and friends, who called to extend their best wishes on her birthday. Light refreshments were served.

Frye Village with the thermometer registering 12 degrees below zero holds the record for the lowest temperature in Andover on Thursday morning, though reports of eight degrees below and ten degrees below came from other parts of the town.

The large number of alumni and undergraduates resident in this and neighboring towns gives Andover an active interest in the campaign now under way for the raising of an Educational Endowment fund of \$8,000,000 for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Lecture by Captain Cooper Well Attended

The Colonial Theatre was well filled last Friday evening when Captain Cooper, under the auspices of the Andover Post of the American Legion, showed the pictures taken of the 26th Division during the Great War.

For the boys who had seen service in France the pictures were of peculiar interest, recalling scenes once so familiar, but now happily a thing of the past. For those whose knowledge of these things must come at second hand, the pictures gave a new idea of modern warfare. The films were markedly devoid of sensational battle scenes which were once the preconceived notion of war. Glimpses of actual battles in which the boys looked more like workmen with guns instead of dinner pails, advancing slowly, rather than the popular conception of a soldier advancing into battle with bands playing and colors flying, somehow supplied the touch of realism that brought home the business and perils of war as it was fought in France.

## LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Miss Ethel Hazelwood is spending the week-end with friends in town.

Miss Carita Bigelow of Wellesly college is at home for the holidays.

The Andover Savings Bank is paying a semi-annual dividend of two and one-half percent this week.

Miss Dorothy Bushnell who is studying at Miss Wheelock's School in Boston, is spending the vacation at her home on Bartlett street.

The Christmas entertainment for the Senior departments of the South church Sunday School will be held Friday evening December 26th at 7:45 o'clock.

The Christmas party for the children of the Primary Department of the South church Sunday School will be held in the church vestry Monday, December 22nd at half-past two.

The next meeting of the class in conversational French will be held on Thursday, January 8th. There will be no lesson during the next two weeks as Christmas and New Years both fall on Thursday.

"Patriotism Through Service"

The Daughters of the Revolution have organized a band of the "Loyal League" in the eighth grade of the Stowe school. Each child has signed a patriotic pledge and is proudly wearing one of the buttons distributed by Mrs. V. D. Harrington.

The prize offered for the best composition on the subject "Patriotism Through Service" is intended to prove a stimulus to better work in English composition as well as a constant reminder that there is work for patriotism in time of peace as well as in time of war.

## \$26,000 for Christmas

On last Saturday the Andover National Bank was able to pay out to the six or seven hundred members of its Christmas Club, sums which aggregated \$26,000.

By depositing each week an amount varying from fifty cents to two dollars these patrons of the bank, as a consequence of their foresight, have in hand the means of promoting Christmas cheer

## Christmas Party at Free Church

The annual Christmas party of the Free church Primary Department of the Sunday School will be held on Wednesday afternoon, December 24th, between the hours of three and five o'clock. It is hoped that all the children belonging to that department will be able to be present and gather around the Christmas tree.

## Births

December 12, 1919, a son, James Beattie Keith, to Mr. and Mrs. George Keith of 2 Harding street.

December 10, 1919, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gesing at 5 Walnut avenue.

## Marriage

On Wednesday, December 19, 1919, by Rev. Augustus H. Fuller, John Anderson and Ruth Greenwood, both of Ballardvale.

## Deaths

At Wakefield December 16, Isabella J. Foster, wife of George W. Foster. Funeral services were held at her late home, 28 Cortis street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

At Medford, Oregon, October 29, 1919, R. A. Rowley, aged 76 years.

In Andover, December 12, 1919, Mrs. Caroline Laurie, aged 81 years and 3 months.

## CHRISTMAS SONGS AND SERMONS

Churches Prepare Programs Appropriate to the Season Sunday School Entertainments During the Coming Week.

## CHRISTMAS IN SCHOOLS

Punchard Juniors Entertain With Tableaux and Song. Carol Singing at the Stowe School.

The Junior class of the Punchard school, under the direction of Miss Elizabeth M. Loftus, entertained their fellow students at the Christmas exercises held on Wednesday.

The entertainment was given in accordance with the plan to have each class entertain the school on some holiday during the school year. At this season an appropriate program of songs and tableaux was arranged concluding with a visit from Santa Claus who distributed to everyone present an attractive little 1920 calendar lettered P. H. S.

The orchestra was composed of John Sanborn, violinist; Knowlton Stone, cornetist, and Pauline Sanderson, pianist.

The program is as follows:

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"	Orchestra
"While Shepherds Watch"	Junior Class
Tableau	
Shepherds, Harold Johnson, William Carter	
Clifford Thompson	
Angel	Kathleen Hart
"Silent Night"	
"Little Town of Bethlehem"	School
Solo, "Adesle Fideles," sung in Latin	Ethel J. Cole

Tableau of the Nativity	
Kings	Geoffrey Nicoll, Lawrence Reide
Theodore Peterson	
Mother	Mary O'Dowd
"The First Noel"	
"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"	School
Recitation, "A Visit from Santa Claus"	Rachel Boutwell
"Jingle Bells"	School
Santa Claus	Everett Lawrence

## Stowe School

At the Stowe School the pupils gathered this afternoon in their assembly hall to listen to a Christmas story read by Miss Clara Putnam and to hear several excellent victrola records from the "Messiah." All joined in singing the Christmas carols which have been practiced during the last few weeks.

The South, Free and Baptist churches will unite in a Christmas Community Service to be held at half past seven, Sunday evening in the Town Hall.

A service on the Sunday night before Christmas has usually been conducted by the Courteous Circle of King's Daughters of the South church, but arrangements have been made for each church in turn to take charge of the service. This year the program has been arranged by the Baptist church and Rev. E. H. Prescott will conduct the meeting. Dr. W. E. Rafferty of Philadelphia, who has recently returned from Armenia will give a stereoscopic lecture on conditions in that country and an offering will be collected by twelve little girls for the relief of Armenian sufferers. Come and help fill their baskets.

There will be singing by the congregation and a double quartet from South church choir and a quartet from the Free church choir will sing two anthems, "Sing, O Heavens" by Tours and "O Little Town of Bethlehem" by Heidinger. Frederic G. Moore will be accompanist.

The full program is as follows:

Scripture Reading	Rev. F. A. Wilson
Chorus, "Sing, O Heavens"—Tours	
Prayer	Rev. E. Victor Bigelow
Carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"—Heidinger	
Illustrated Address, "Armenia"	Rev. W. E. Rafferty
Offering, A Christmas gift to starving Armenia	
Baritone Solo, "O Holy Night"—Adam	J. Everett Collins
Benediction	

At the Baptist church Rev. E. H. Prescott will make "The Unfolding of Christmas" the subject of his sermon at the Sunday morning worship. The music arranged by Henry P. Kelly is as follows:

Prelude, "Christmas Morning"	Whittier
Hymn, "Joy to the World"	Isaac Watts
Anthem, "God so Loved the World"	Suinner
Hymn, "Adesle Fideles"	Anon
Hymn, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"	Wesley
Postlude, Allegro in G minor	Harris

At St. Augustine's church solemn high mass will be celebrated Christmas morning at five o'clock. The following

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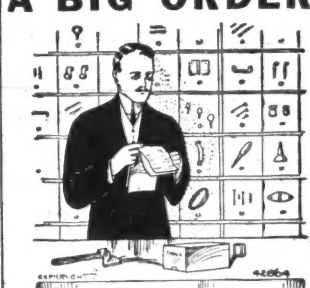
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Hale Hamilton in "Four Flushers"

## Tomorrow

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al Marriage"

Mack Sennett Comedy  
Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 22-23

## Special

Fannie Ward in "Common Clay."

Billy West Comedy.  
Kinogram News.

## Wednesday, Dec. 24

Munroe Salisbury in "The Man in  
the Moonlight."

Pearl White in "The Black Secret."

Kinogram News.  
Christy Comedy.

## Thursday, Dec. 25

Mae Marsh in "The Bondage of  
Barbara."

Mayor Comedy.  
Tom Mix in "Delayed in Transit."

## Friday, Dec. 26 Double Feature

Bessie Love in "Cupid Forecloses."

Viola Dana in "The Microbe."

Mutt and Jeff Comics.

## Saturday, Dec. 27

Catherine Calvert in "The Career of  
Catherine Bush."

R. D. Marson Comedy.  
Weekly News.

## TREMONT

Christmas week will bring one of the  
greatest dramatic treats of the season

to the Tremont Theatre, Boston, where

Cohan and Harris will present Anthony

Paul Kelly's sensational drama of sur-  
prises, "Three Faces East," which opens

a limited engagement Monday even-  
ing, December 22nd. Throughout the

major portion of last season in New  
York this play ran month after month

to a constant succession of crowded  
houses of auditors who sang loud their

praises of its power as an entertainer.  
There is mystery, suspense, adventure,

comedy and romance, all in combina-  
tion completely arresting the attention

of the auditor to the last line of the  
drama that is spoken.

Mr. Kelly has centered his plot upon  
the activities of the United States

Secret Service, and has so woven the  
incidents of its action that it is ex-  
tremely engrossing. In its writing the

dramatist has shown himself master of  
the technique of the art as well as ex-  
hibiting a decided originality that never

fails to be impressive. Yet the intrica-  
cies of the plot are not confusing, an

extremity in which many an author has  
found himself and which theatregoers  
find condemnable. Therein does Mr.

Kelly show especial cleverness, and at  
the final curtain the revelation is so  
easily comprehended that the auditor

cannot but find delight in the denou-  
ment. It is for this reason that the

story of the play is not given in ad-  
vance because thereby much of the ap-  
preciation by the auditor who was ap-  
prised of it would be much lessened.

Cohan and Harris, the producers,  
with their customary care in the pre-  
sentation of their offerings have staged

the play perfectly and have supplied a  
cast of first excellence, which is the New  
York company. The leading feminine

role will be taken by Violet Heming who  
is so pleasantly remembered by Boston  
theatregoers through her many appear-  
ances here.

The usual Wednesday and Saturday  
matinees will be given except during  
the first week when a performance will

be given on Christmas afternoon and an  
extra matinee Friday, December 26th.  
Seats will go on sale Thursday, Decem-  
ber 18th, but seats may be ordered in

advance and will be filled in the order of  
their receipt.

## MAJESTIC

After having thrilled New York play-  
goers for an entire theatrical year, Ho-  
land West's play of mystery, "The

Unknown Purple" is scheduled to open  
an engagement at the Majestic Theatre,  
Boston, next Monday, December 22d.

The play is the joint effort of Roland  
West and Carlyle Moore, from an origi-  
nal story by Mr. West. The latter is not

only the originator of the play, but  
he has produced it himself. The author

producer was widely discussed during  
the actor's strike, and it is quite possible  
that in the future we will see many

plays produced under the management  
of the playwright.

In creating "The Unknown Purple,"  
West laid aside all rules of play writing,

but it seems that he has given theatre-  
goers just what they were seeking, in-  
asmuch as the piece enjoyed a record-

breaking run at the Lyric Theatre,  
New York. Philadelphia, Boston and  
Chicago will be the only cities visited

this season, after which the play will  
open an indefinite engagement at the  
Savoy Theatre, London, with the cast

intact, same as programmed for the  
local engagement.

It is a story of love, intrigue and  
mystery which even the Secret Service  
could not unravel; as a matter of fact

the audience may write their own cli-  
max. The author has left to the imagi-  
nation the final ending. If V. Crom-

port could make you happy by marrying  
"Ruth" the sweet "little mother" you  
may have it that way. If you would see

him back in the arms of his former  
"vampire" wife, you have the privilege.  
But according to advance information,

you are sure to have it one way or the  
other, and if you are seeking a super-  
dynamic thrill, here is one hundred and

fifty of them in so many minutes.

George Probert heads a splendid  
cast comprising—Jean Stuart, Bene-  
dict MacQuarrie, Vivian Allen, Joseph

Slaytor, Henry Redding, Eveta Knud-  
sen, Herbert Ashton, Arthur LeVien,  
Grant Sherman and E. L. Duane.

## HOLLIS STREET

"John Ferguson," the play that  
created a sensation on Broadway  
with a nine months run to capacity

audiences, begins its third week at the  
Hollis Street Theatre on Monday,  
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ance of Bostonians, at this gripping  
drama, it bids fair to duplicate its phe-

nominal success which it attained in  
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played.

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deals with the life of a simple people of  
the soil, telling a simple story, with

heart throbs and thrills and studded  
with deft touches of delightful com-  
edy, appeals to all classes of theatregoers

irrespective of class or creed and is  
evidenced, when at the close of every  
performance the audience, who in-  
variably hurries from the theatre before

the final curtain, remains and continues  
to applaud this capable cast until long  
after the final curtain has fallen and

the orchestra has begun to play, hoping  
against hope that the curtain will again  
rise and give them one more view, of  
that simple home, which has made

such a lasting impression in their minds.

It has received the unanimous praise  
and commendation of both press and  
public and all the lovers of art and a  
good play should not fail to see it.

The matinees during the week of  
December 22d will be given on Thurs-  
day (Christmas Day) and on Saturday.

The curtain rises promptly at 2.00 o'-  
clock and 8.00 o'clock.

## Raymond Camp S. of V. Officers

At the last meeting of Walter L.  
Raymond Camp 111, S. of V. officers  
were elected for the ensuing year and

will be installed with the auxiliary  
officers on Friday, January 9th.

The officers elected were: Comman-  
der, Ira Buxton; senior vice command-  
er, Charles Holt; secretary, George A.

Perkins; treasurer, Harry Flint; camp  
council for three years, Jesse Billings-  
ton; two years, Cutter Foster; one

year, Elmer E. Philbrick.

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Here are reasons why the fine,  
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pounds.

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than 21¢ a pound for the meat which  
we will get from these animals, even  
after taking into account the value of  
the by-products.

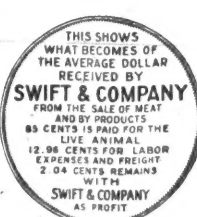
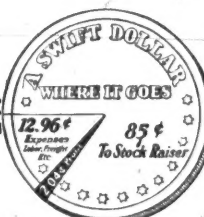
But people show a preference for  
only one-third of the whole—the pork  
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from juicy hams.

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wholesale and Premium hams at 30¢,  
there are other parts for which we get  
as low as 6¢ or 8¢ per pound. The  
net result is an average profit to us of  
less than 1¢ a pound.

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of a demand for them.

Another thing: Only 35 pounds of the  
entire hog—or about 1/6th—is usually  
marketed at once. The rest must be  
pickled, cured, or smoked. This takes  
months, and adds to the costs which  
must be met.

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## Real Estate Transfers

The following transfers were recorded  
during the past week at the Registry of  
Deeds office, Lawrence:

Grace A. Wadsworth et alii to Frank

G. Murch, Andover, \$1.00.

Mary E. Brackett to Thomas E.

Minnehan, Andover, \$1.00.

E. Kendall Jenkins to Elizabeth M.

Read, Andover, \$1.00.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE—Chickens for roasting, at a reasonable  
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FOUND—A Necklace, on Essex Street, November  
30. Owner may have same by proving property  
and paying charges. Apply at 18 Walnut Ave.,  
Andover.

WANTED—A woman for housework except cook-  
ing, from 9 to 4 daily except Sunday. Apply to  
MRS. JOHN RICHARDS, 30 Morton Street.

FOR SALE—Breeding yard of 7 Black Wyand-  
otte Hens and Cockerel, \$30.00; 8 Black Wyand-  
otte Pullets and Cockerel, \$32.00 (both the  
above Chaffee strain). Also fresh-killed fowls  
and chickens. O. P. CHASE, Andover, Mass.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PROBATE COURT

ESSEX, SS.

To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested  
in the estate of John N. Towne late of Andover  
in said County, deceased.

WHEREAS, Guy C. Richards, public adminis-  
trator, administrator of the estate of said deceased,  
has presented to said Court his petition for license  
to sell at private sale, in accordance with the order  
named in said petition, or upon such terms as may  
be adjudged best, all the interest of said deceased in  
certain parcels of real estate for the payment of  
debts, and charges of administration, and for other  
reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate  
Court to be held at Salem in said County, on the  
fifth day of January A.D. 1920, at nine o'clock in  
the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why  
the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this cita-  
tion by delivering a copy thereof to each person  
interested in the estate fourteen days at least before  
said Court, or by publishing the same once in each  
week, for three successive weeks, in the Andover  
Townsmen a newspaper published in Andover, the  
last publication to be one day at least before said  
Court, and by serving a copy of said citation on the  
Treasurer and Receiver General of said Common-  
wealth fourteen days at least before said Court.

Witness, Harry R. Dow, Esquire, Judge of said  
Court, this sixteenth day of December in the year  
one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

HORACE H. ATHERTON, Jr., Register.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PROBATE COURT

ESSEX, SS.



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## SOCCER

### Thistles 4 Andover 3

In spite of the poor condition of the pitch and the threatening weather, Andover and Thistles played a very close and interesting soccer game on the playstead Saturday afternoon. This was the return match in the district league and after last week's draw, was expected to be close. When the teams lined up, the field was in very poor condition, but since both teams were present and it was the last game of the season for the Thistles, it was decided to play. Andover was greatly hindered by the muddy pitch as it interfered with the short passing game. In attempting this style of play, Andover made a mistake and further added to their error by hanging too long to the ball when near goal. The Thistles better suited their play to the conditions and drove the ball hard towards goal or lifted it high in the goal area and then while the Andover backs were struggling with the elusive ball, they rushed it through.

Thistles: McIntosh; R. Caldwell and C. Tarker; Chalmers, Ness and Turner; Killackey, Gray, W. Low, Morley and McGhee.

Andover: Munroe, J. Low and Jackson; Coleman, Downs and Nicoll; Hackney, D. Deymond, W. Haddon, Caldwell and G. Haddon.

Score: Thistles 4, Andover 3. Goals by Killackey 2, by W. Low 2, W. Haddon, J. Caldwell 2. Referee: James Tuson. Time: 2 thirty-five minute halves.

## CHURCH NOTICES

### West Church

10.30. Morning worship with sermon by the pastor.  
12.00. Christmas service of the Sunday School.  
7.00. Christian Endeavor meeting with the reading of a Christmas story by Mrs. Cutler.  
7.30 Wednesday. Christmas Tree and festival of the Sunday School.

### South Church

10.30. Christmas Service. Special music; sermon by the minister.  
12.00. Church School.  
6.30. Endeavor service.  
7.30. Community Christmas service at Town Hall.  
2.30 to 4.00 Monday. Children's party for the Primary Department.  
7.45 Wednesday. Christmas prayer meeting.  
7.45 Friday. Sunday School Christmas entertainment, for departments above the Primary.

### Free Church

10.30. Worship with Christmas music and with sermon by Rev. Wm. G. English, Jr., of Boston.  
12.00. Christmas exercises by the Church School.  
3.30. Monthly meeting of the Standing Committee of the Church.  
6.30. The Christian Endeavor Society.  
7.30. Community Christmas service in the Town Hall.  
3.00 to 5.00 Wednesday. Christmas party for the Primary Department of the Church School.  
7.30 Wednesday. Annual Christmas Festival for the main Church School.

### Christ Church

9.00. Holy communion.  
10.30. Morning prayer and sermon.  
12.00. Church School.  
7.30. Fourth Advent evening service. Address by Col. F. S. Evans, C.B.E., D.S.O., "What Has the Church to Offer?"  
7.15 Wednesday. Christmas Eve Festival service.  
Thursday, Christmas Day. 7.30. Holy communion; 10.30. morning service; Holy Communion and sermon.

### Baptist Church

10.30. Morning worship with Christmas sermon by the pastor. Subject, "The Unfolding of Christmas."  
12.00. The Church School.  
3.30. Junior Christian Endeavor.  
6.30. Senior Christian Endeavor.  
7.30. Community Christmas service in the Town Hall. Illustrated address on Armenia by W. Edward Rafferty, Ph.D., of Philadelphia.  
6.30 Wednesday. Christmas supper for Primary and Junior divisions of the Church School Christmas Tree and exercises.  
7.45 Friday. Meeting of the Church Council.

### Baptist Mission Circle

The Ladies' Mission Circle of the Baptist church met with Mrs. Mary S. Jackson on the afternoon of December 12th. At this session twelve ladies were present and discussed several matters of business. The program, on the first chapter of "A Crusade of Compassion," followed, Mrs. Ellis Hudson having charge and several ladies taking part. This book is a great eye-opener as to the need of medical missions in foreign lands and deserves widest circulation. It is for the church to lead in the new days, yes, to lead into every part of the world.  
In the first part of this chapter on "The Battalion of Life," a British soldier's letter, written from a hospital, is given. His letter is searching. Consider these last few lines. "Why does the church keep foreign missions so much in the background?—I am saying that something is wrong with a scheme of things which fails to put the whole world for Christ right in the forefront as the battle-cry of the Christian church."  
After the program, dainty refreshments were served and a social hour was enjoyed by all.

### Girls' Friendly Notes

The members of the Girls' Friendly Society of Christ church at the conclusion of a series of dancing lessons given by Miss Marion Crawford of Lawrence, tendered a very pleasant party to their friends at the November clubhouse on Friday evening. Buckley's orchestra furnished music for dancing.  
Miss Martha Gray of Lawrence is the instructor chosen for a course in millinery lessons, the first of which was given on Monday evening in the Parish house.



# CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

FROM

## The Bookstore

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### Christmas Books

A Loiterer in New England—Hagedorn \$5.00  
Thayer's Life of Roosevelt 5.00  
My Generation—William Jewett Tucker 4.00  
Historic Trees of Massachusetts 3.00  
Two Travelers in Europe 3.00  
Old New England Doorways 3.00  
With the Yankee Division in France—Sibly 3.00  
Kipling's and O'Henry's Works (Red Leather) 2.50  
Joy in the Morning—Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews 1.75  
Saint Joan of Arc—Mark Twain 1.50  
Rhymes of a Red Cross Man Service 1.25  
The Broken Soldier and the Maid of France—Van Dyke 1.25

### Books for Boys & Girls

The Boys' Life of Roosevelt—Hagedorn 1.50  
John Adney Ambulance Driver 1.35  
The Loyalty of Elizabeth Beas 1.35  
Three Sides of Paradise Green 1.35  
Larkspur 1.35  
Dorothy Brooks' Experiments 1.25  
Girls' Book of the Red Cross 1.25  
Janice Day the Young Home Maker 3.00  
Rover Boys Series 75  
The Brighton Boys Series 75  
The Boy Allies 50  
Bunny Brown and His Sister Sue Series 50  
Out-of-Door Girls Series 50  
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Ivanhoe, Green Leather, Nelson Edition 1.75  
Popular Rubaiyat—Cloister Craft Edition 1.25  
Art Leather Series 1.25  
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Gray's Elegy and other Poems 75  
Rab and Marjorie—Dr. Burns 75  
Meditations of Marcus Aurelius 50  
Crowded Inn 35  
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Green Book Series 25

### Juvenile Books

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Black Arrow—Stevenson 3.00  
Mother Goose 1.00 1.50 2.00 2.50  
At the Back of the North Wind 2.50  
Hans Brinker 2.25  
A Journey to the Garden Gate 2.00  
The Boy Scouts Year Book 2.00  
For Days and Days 2.00  
David Blaize 2.00  
The Aesop for Children 2.00  
New Adventures of Alice 2.00  
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Dangerous Days—Rinehart 1.60  
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Rainbow Valley—Montgomery 1.60  
Red and Black—Grace Richmond 1.60  
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If in a Quandary about what Articles to select, a visit to the Andover Bookstore Library will undoubtedly suggest just the Gifts that will please most, for there you will find the "Rust Craft" Line and Calendars of all kinds and prices

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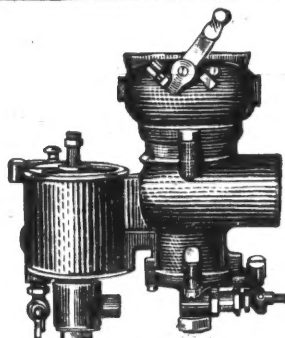
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EXTRACT, Vanilla, Grayco Brand,	bottle 28c
SALMON, Pink,	can 24c
NUTS, Fancy Mixed,	per lb. 38c
WALNUTS, Soft Shell, California,	per lb. 48c
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BOILED CIDER,	pint bottle 48c
RAISINS, Fancy Seedless,	pkg. 28c
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We are glad that Mr. Wood has attacked the high cost of living in the city of Lawrence, but we cannot feel sure that his remedy, effective as it might be for a while, would in the long run prove to be a proposition economically sound. The great machinery of business at the present time, which for example handles Mr. Wood's own product, contemplates not only the manufacturer, but an original sales agent, a jobber, a wholesaler, a retailer; and these factors are as fixed in the industrial and economic life of the country as any other factors. They may not be the best possible method of working out the process of bringing to the consumer a manufactured product, but until they are entirely reorganized they employ such a vast army of people who are the substantial people of the community that we may well hesitate before we entirely destroy the organization. The answer may be made that the same clerks will fill the places in the new business; that there will be no lessened number of employees, and various other arguments of this sort will be presented to justify such a change as has been recommended by President Wood. The arguments are all of value and have a bearing upon the situation, but we still believe that a better way to work this problem out can be found than by adding to the distribution cost a new organization.

On the other hand, in connection with this agitation that Mr. Wood is making, he deserves the thanks of the entire community for calling attention to the outrageous profiteering that has taken place in many communities where the high scale of wages has been artificially created by war-time conditions. This is not the time or place to discuss the fundamentals involving this increased cost, for the only point at issue is whether or not the consumer has been obliged to pass on his advancing pay in even a greater measure than he has received it, because the retailer has been able to tap him even before he secured his advance. There are some evidences that this has taken place in Lawrence. There is at the present moment abund-

ant evidence that Mr. Wood's effective call to the business interests of Lawrence will result in material decreases. Let us hope that this is so, for the good of the great mass of people who, after all, are not direct beneficiaries of such abnormal pay as many of the mill operatives are now able to secure under present conditions.

### Editorial Cinders

That was a gracious act of Governor Coolidge, in naming his predecessor in office to the position of Judge of Probate of Middlesex County,—gracious because it recognizes a most friendly feeling between the two distinguished men, and gracious because it emphasizes the Governor's estimate of the public service which Ex-Governor McCall is still so well fitted to render. "Judge" McCall would be an excellent title, and the word would not be too exacting, and the service would be surely rendered in a way to bring further credit to both the nominator and the recipient of the honor.

There is a very different spirit animating the Christmas business of this year from that which we have been encountering the past few years. Shops are showing greater lines, and buyers are showing greater activity, all indicating not only a state of public purse, but a state of mind that we may well be glad over. Of course there is a lot of nonsense in the buying and a lot of nonsense in the giving, for it so often represents little real, genuine friendliness and regard such as the gift ought to embody. Nevertheless, the sum of it all does carry out the idea of "peace on earth, good will toward men," better than any other expression in which our interest in one another takes form.

It looks like real ice. With a freezing that makes about two inches a day it won't take very much time before we are assured of very different conditions from those which confronted most of the people of this country a year ago. Let us hope that those who are responsible for the harvest will not wait too long before beginning it.

### November Club Notes

The members of the November Club and a few invited guests enjoyed the presentation of two plays by the Dramatic Department on Monday afternoon.

Both plays "The Maker of Dreams" by Oliphant Down and "A Christmas Guest" one of the Vassar Workshop Plays, had been read by the department as a part of the study of modern drama and their selection for public presentation proved a very happy choice. The stage settings were attractive, the lines were good and carried messages worth more than a passing thought, and the various characters were well interpreted. The play-makers charm of the children who played their parts with a delightful naturalness gave the final touch to the Christmas play.

The cast of characters was as follows:  
"THE MAKER OF DREAMS"  
Pierette Mrs. Nathan C. Hamblin  
Pierrot Mrs. Douglas Crawford  
The Manufacturer Miss Rachel Dowd

"A CHRISTMAS GUEST"  
Ruster, a flute player Mrs. James H. Moss  
Lijerona, a violinist, host of Lofdale  
Olga, his wife Mrs. E. Victor Bigelow  
Oswald, his children Priscilla Whittemore  
Britji Katherine Farlow  
Halla, the cook Mrs. Frank Benton  
Forstein, the manservant Mrs. George French  
Scene: the living room of Lofdale, a Swedish manor house, the afternoon before Christmas.

The Department of Social Science will meet on Monday, December 22d, at the Town Farm at 3:00 o'clock.

The Department of Drama will meet with Mrs. Matthew S. McCurdy on Friday afternoon, December 19th at 3:00 o'clock.

The Department of French will meet at the Clubhouse on Thursday afternoon, January 8th.

For the afternoon of Tuesday, December 23d, the Social Service Department has arranged a Christmas party to be held in the clubhouse at 1:00 o'clock. Children of club members between the ages of three and ten and about thirty other boys and girls will be the guests of the afternoon.

On Thursday a class in Civics was organized with Miss Amelia Shapleigh and Mrs. Horace M. Povner as a committee in charge. The first regular meeting will be held at the November clubhouse on January 9th when Mrs. Gilson of Boston, will be the speaker. Some of the subjects proposed for these lectures are "The Constitution of the United States," "The Cabinet," "The Election of a President" and "How Congress Does its Work."

### Card of Thanks

Our heartfelt thanks go out to our many-friends for their help and kind words of sympathy during the illness of our mother and for the beautiful floral tributes sent in her memory.

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### An Appeal for Books

The Memorial Hall Library has received another appeal for books, to be sent this time, not to men in service, but to the State sanatoriums for tuberculosis cases. Especially at Rutland, Massachusetts, there is a great lack of reading matter to entertain patients who have no money to purchase books, in some cases no friends to send them books, and who can do little to pass long hours but read.

The Library will receive and ship all books given for this purpose. Detective stories and western stories are most wanted, but any good fiction is acceptable. Only interesting, entertaining books should be brought for these people. Magazines are not desired.

### Abbot Academy Notes

The Christmas vacation begins at noon, Thursday, December 18th and will extend over twenty days. School re-opens Wednesday afternoon, January 7, 1920.

Members of the Academy are observing the season in various appropriate ways. The usual Christmas service will be held in Davis Hall, Sunday evening, December 21st. On Saturday afternoon the girls entertained about thirty Andover children at a party in Davis Hall.

The annual gift boxes for Hindman Settlement School in Kentucky have been forwarded. The money contribution this year amounted to \$227.25.

On Wednesday evening Miss Bailey gave a very pretty party for the school in the McKee rooms where Christmas carols were sung by the glee club and school.

At chapel Wednesday morning fifty-two Abbot Academy girls were awarded arm bands in recognition of their having completed a series of twenty-five walks in the vicinity of Andover. Members of class teams in hockey and basketball received their numerals and the individual tennis cup was presented to Miss Marian Saunders of Nutley, N. J.

### Prizes for Freshman and Senior

The competitors for the Goldsmith prize for excellence in public speaking were heard in Punched Hall last Friday evening before an audience composed of friends and schoolmates.

The girl's prize was awarded to Virginia Lee Ramsdell of the class of 1923. Her original and spirited interpretation of "Mrs. Jones's Pirate" afforded her hearers much pleasure.

The stage presence and well modulated voice of Frances Adelaide Morgan of the class of 1921 made "The Whistling Regiment" one of the best numbers on the program.

Her rendering of the difficult dialect in "When Alban Sang" reflected great credit on Virginia Lillian Hess of the class of 1920.

The Punched Glee Club sang several selections during the evening.

### Get-Together Banquet

The West church greeted the men of her parish in a great get-together banquet on Friday evening, December 12th at the Grange Hall. The company gathered in the upper hall where old acquaintances met and renewed their friendships and new-comers to the parish were cordially welcomed. The banquet was served by Caterer Weigel of Lawrence. During the supper hour the American Quartette of Lowell, Mr. Paschal, first tenor; Mr. Wirth, second tenor; G. E. Burns, baritone; Harry Priestly, bass, sang many selections. The march to supper and hunt for one's place as designated by the place-cards was productive of much merriment and good fellowship. Edward W. Boutwell was toastmaster. Deacon Trow responded to the toast, "History of the Parish". Briefly he told that the meetinghouse was built at a cost of \$3800, the corner stone being laid on June 26, 1826 with Masonic rites. The liquor question was troublesome at that time and notices were posted that all must refrain from selling spirituous liquors on that day. In 1848 the question of the need of a vestry for Sunday School and other church meetings was agitated, but it was not until 1856, and was occupied for the first time just sixty-three years ago. The parsonage was built by Dr. Jackson, first pastor. The horse-sheds were originally built by individuals but the new sheds were built by the parish.

Frederick Boutwell then answered to "The Financial History." He told in a few words that although financial facts were the same the world over, yet these facts were necessary to the successful upkeep of the church. As a church we have had our ups and downs and we have found the present method by far the most successful way of managing the finances.

Rev. Mr. Matthews then spoke on "The Present Day Needs of Church Attendance." As he rose to speak the whole company stood as a single person to show their love and appreciation of Mr. Matthews' work in the parish. Mr. Matthews summed his address up in this single sentence, "Finally, it is not money we need, my brothers, but we do need the heart-felt interest and co-operation of every man in the parish."

Rev. Arthur Barber of Lawrence was the speaker of the evening followed by Wm. Wood, Granville K. Cutler, Frank H. Hardy and Arthur Boutwell. The company then returned to the upper hall where a social hour was spent. If the object of the giving of this banquet is to be realized every man in the parish must help to keep the work going, each doing his part in his own way, but doing that part with a heartfelt interest for the successful upbuilding of the church and community.

### When Laymen are Interested

In two ways the emphasis on lay men was apparent last Sunday night in Christ church when Sidney E. Blandford made his earnest address on "The Function of the Layman." The address showed it and the congregation numbered more men than women. Mr. Blandford is an authority in the world of business affairs, having lectured lately at Boston University in his special field. His words at this Advent service seemed authoritative too, when he spoke of the administrative opportunities of laymen in the organized society of the Church, of their power for initiative and co-operation in the Church's social, financial and religious effort. "It is for us to make Christianity live, not one day, but seven days every week," he declared. For this, the presence of Jesus Christ must be realized.

This coming Sunday night the fourth address will be given at 7:45 o'clock. Col. Evans, already well-known as an army man, has made a place for himself in the business world as secretary of the Department of Labor in the American Woolen Mills. His subject "What has the Church to Offer?" is a question which has the most fundamental influence in every field of life. It becomes of added importance when a layman is ready to discuss it in church.

### Christ Church Notes

When Bishop Babcock came for confirmation last Sunday morning, there were twenty-three persons to present for the laying on of hands, twelve young men and eleven young women. In a letter from the Bishop to the Rector, this class was spoken of as "unique and interesting, an object lesson showing what can be done by the church for young people of school age."

The Christmas services next week will come on Christmas Eve at 7:15 o'clock and on Christmas Day at 7:30 and 10:30 o'clock. The party for the primary department is to be held on Wednesday December 21st at 3:30 o'clock; that for the intermediate on Friday, December 26th at 3:30 o'clock; and on Friday evening the rest of the school, with friends and parents, are invited to the Christmas tableaux and party to begin at 7:45 o'clock.

A note of interest to teachers is the teachers' course of six lessons to be given by an expert, the first of which is to come on Saturday night, December 20th, at 7:45 o'clock in the Rectory.

The fourth Advent evening talk on Sunday night at 7:45 o'clock, to be given by Col. F. S. Evans, will conclude an interesting series of addresses. The subject, "What has the Church to Offer?" is like a challenge to our interest in the disturbed conditions of to-day.

### Train Service Restored

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District Deputy Charles J. Landers of Lowell conferred the third degree on a large class of candidates for Andover Council 1078 in the Town Hall, Tuesday evening. After the exemplification of the degree, refreshments were served in the council rooms on Park street. The degree was witnessed by many out-of-town Knights, including members of Lawrence, Lowell and Haverhill Councils.

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### Mission Study Class Meets at South Church

The mission study class of the South church met Friday afternoon for the study of China. Mrs. Henry C. Sanborn was the leader. Mrs. Cummings had charge of the devotional half hour and then Mrs. Frank T. Carlton gave a map talk illustrating from legends and history, the development of the Chinese people. Miss Mattie Robinson told of the great needs of the women of China and Miss Mary Smith spoke of the problems of sanitation. Mrs. Philip Ripley gave a talk on the mission stations throughout China and of their interesting personnel. Miss Mary Alice Abbot gave sketches of some notable Chinese women. Several of these had received their education in the United States and returned to do wonderful service in their own country. A gay note of color and a touch of personality was shown in some brilliantly-colored transparencies mounted on rice paper ready to hang in the window on New Year's Eve as is the custom in China. These were sold and \$5.00 raised to help in the building of a woman's hospital in China.

The next missionary meeting will be January 15th, when Turkey will be the subject of study.

### Mrs. E. V. French to Work for Health Education

The Health Education Committee of Massachusetts, of which Dr. Harry A. Garfield is honorary chairman, and Mrs. William Tilton is chairman, is getting actively to work in Andover. Mrs. Edward French of the Parent-Teachers Association, has been asked to work for the movement locally.

This committee, which was formed at the instance of the National Physical Education Committee created by the Bureau of Education, is actively engaged in pushing bills for the Health Education of children. These bills include:

1. Appointment by the State Department of Education of a Director of Health Education who shall direct Health Instruction and Physical Activities.
2. Local Supervisors.
3. School Nurses.
4. Teaching of simple Health Habits in our Normal and Public Schools.

These bills, which will lay the foundation for a uniform and adequate Health Campaign in our Public Schools, are endorsed by the Commissioner of Education; State Department of Health; Massachusetts Superintendents' Association; Teachers' Federation; Public Health Department of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, and many other organizations.

Although Massachusetts has led in training men and women for this work of Health Education, it is far behind many states in the opportunities which it gives its school children. About 180 towns in the State do practically nothing in the direction of teaching their children along lines leading to health.

The Headquarters of the Health Education Committee are at Room 553, Little Building, Boston, whence an active campaign is being carried on to interest the people of the State in these vital measures.

### Obituaries

#### R. A. ROWLEY

R. A. Rowley passed away at Medford, Oregon, October 29, 1919, aged seventy-six years. He was a veteran of the civil war, gaining rank of captain for bravery in action. Later he was in home mission work in Washington and Oregon. He was the only brother of the late Mrs. W. F. Draper and in his youth made his home with her in Andover.

#### MRS. CAROLINE LAURIE

Mrs. Caroline Laurie, one of Andover's oldest residents, died Friday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Grace Lake, 65 Poor street, after a short illness of pneumonia. She was born in Liverpool, England, August 17, 1838, and came to this country eight years ago. She was a member of the Free church and the Helping Hand society. She is survived by one son, Donald D., of Whittier street, Andover; two daughters, Mrs. Grace R. Lake, with whom she made her home, and Mrs. Esther Cumella of Liverpool, England; besides several grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Grace Lake. Rev. F. A. Wilson, pastor of the Free church, conducted the services. Miss Mary W. Scott and Miss Jean E. Dundas sang two of Mrs. Laurie's favorite hymns, "Work for the Night is Coming" and "There is a Happy Land." The burial took place in Spring Grove cemetery.

The bearers were Charles Mayer, Alexander MacKenzie, Robert Dobbie and W. Albert Stevens.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

(Continued from page 1)

special music has been arranged by the organist, Miss Annie Donovan:

Processional, Hymn for Christmas  
Kyrie Eleison  
Gloria in Excelsis  
Vest Creator  
Credo  
Offertory, "Adesde Fideles"  
Sanctus  
Agnus Dei  
Recessional, "With Glory Lit"

At the West church Christmas music has been arranged by Miss Marion Abbott. Mrs. Harry A. Wright will render a solo "The Song of the Angels" with violin obligato by Charles Newton. Rev. Newman Matthews sermon will have as its theme "Christ the Supreme Leader." The musical program is as follows:

Organ Prelude  
Hymn 112, "From the Eastern Mountains"  
Anthem, "The Breaking Waves Dashed High"  
Solo, "The Song of the Angels"  
Violin Obligato, Charles H. Newton  
Anthem, "I Saw Three Ships A-Sailing"  
Offertory, Romance  
Hymn 132, "The First Noel the Angels Did Say"  
Anthem, "Angles from the Realm of Glory"  
Hymn 112, "Shout the Glad Tidings"  
Organ Postlude, Chorus et Vitam

At the Free church, Rev. William G. English, Jr., of Boston, will be the speaker at the morning service. Christmas music has been arranged by organist Edwin G. Booth, as follows:  
Organ, Christmas Pastorale  
Processional—Angles from the home of glory  
Anthem—Sing, O Heavens  
Offertory—Pastorale Symphony (from Messiah)  
Solo—It came upon the midnight clear  
Recessional—Hark, the Herald Angels sing  
Postlude—Chorus (from Noel)

Frederic G. Moore, organist and choirmaster at the South church has arranged the following program:

Carols—"Noel"  
"Song of the Angels"  
Anthem—"Sing, O Heavens"  
Offertory—Double Quartet, "Christmas"  
Organ Postlude—"Hallelujah Chorus"

Music arranged by Blanchard Ralph for the Sundays preceding and following Christmas at Christ church will be as follows:

Organ Prelude—"Adesde Fideles"  
Processional—56  
Christmas Carols by a Male Quartet  
Kyrie Eleison  
Gloria Patri  
Hymn 59  
Anthem—"Hallelujah whorus"  
Hymn 58  
Sanctus  
Hymn 225  
Gloria in Excelsis  
Old Chant  
Recessional—51  
Organ Postlude in C sharp minor

### Police Petition for Increase

Through the hands of Chief Frank M. Smith, Andover's regular policemen the day and night officers, have presented a request to the selectmen for an increase of pay.

The regular force consists of two day and two night officers, besides the chief and with the upward course of the necessities of life they find that the wages now paid by the town are insufficient to meet their living expenses. Andover is paying its policemen less than towns of similar size in the district. They are receiving \$21.00 for seven days a week and are not allowed any days off during the year, except their regular vacation of two weeks.

Methuen is paying its night and day officers \$28.98 per week, one day off in fifteen and ten days' vacation. At the first of the year they will petition for \$5.00 a day. Reading's wage scale is \$28.00 per week, with one day off in fifteen. Wakefield, \$31.50 per week and Stoneham, \$26.00, both with the day off privilege.

In view of these wage rates and privileges which are prevalent in many other towns, the local policemen feel that their request for a 25 percent increase with one day off in fifteen, is not too much and the matter will go before the finance committee of the town for their approval. It is expected that that body will recommend it to the town as part of the regular budget of the police department.

### Took Action on By-Laws

Wednesday night, a special meeting of members of the Free Christian church was held in the parish house for the purpose of hearing the report of the special committee on by-laws, creed and covenant. The meeting was presided over by Charles W. Clark, who was appointed moderator.

The by-laws were revised with a view toward incorporation which will be effected early next year and were prepared by a special committee of twenty-five which has had the matter under consideration for nearly a year. There are quite a number of changes, particularly in the business part of the organization, and a new board, that of Trustees, will be created to look after the property and funds of the church.

The creed adopted by the National Council in 1913 and a simple covenant prepared by Rev. F. A. Wilson and accepted by the proposed new by-laws were sent to every resident member for their consideration before the meeting. Wednesday night, they were considered article by article, and adopted practically without change. There will be an opportunity at the annual meeting for changes before the by-laws are finally adopted for incorporation.

### "Guild City Government"

The winter work of the Andover Guild is in full swing.

On Monday evening the Guild house was the scene of a well-attended meeting held under the supervision of J. Blaine Withee, Community Boys' Work secretary. The meeting included a program of motion pictures with Fred Peters and Charles Burroughs running the picture machine, community singing and a talk on organized play by Mr. Withee.

Following out a plan suggested by Mr. Withee for the purpose of promoting an interest in civic matters, all boys in the Guild under fifteen years of age are to organize what is to be known as the "Guild City Government." Early in January the proposed government will begin to take shape by means of primaries and an election when a mayor, committee of finance, committee of health, committee of games and a committee of social times will be chosen. In the meantime candidates for office and their supporters are canvassing for votes and showing a lively interest in the new enterprise.

On Saturday evening the senior boys basketball team will play the Lawrence Y. M. C. A. team at the Guild House.

### Andover Women at Bay State Bazaar

The social event of the week of December 14th for suffragists was the great Bay State Bazaar at the Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston. The bazaar drew its support from many parts of the state. Suffragists from Andover and North Andover, with Mrs. Frank L. Brigham as chairman, presided over a table for the sale of Christmas greens. Those in charge on Monday were Mrs. Frank L. Brigham, Miss Amelia Shapleigh, Mrs. Frederic G. Moore, Mrs. Samuel D. Stevens and Mrs. George B. Thomas; on Tuesday, Mrs. Frank L. Brigham, Mrs. Emerson Stone, Mrs. William A. Trow, Mrs. Ralph N. C. Barnes, Mrs. Thomas Hall and Mrs. Robinson; and on Wednesday, Mrs. Frank L. Brigham, Mrs. William Odlin, Mrs. J. Harry Kidder and Mrs. Samuel D. Stevens.

### Welcome Home for S. of V. Men

Sons and grandsons of boys of the '61, members of Walter L. Raymond Camp 111, S. of V., were given a welcome home by the Camp and auxiliary in G. A. R. hall Monday night and an excellent supper prepared and served by the ladies of the auxiliary, opened the festivities.

George Perkins, past commander of the camp, was master of ceremonies and briefly welcomed the World War Veterans, and the boys in blue of Bartlett Post 99, G. A. R., who were special guests. Ample justice was done to the appetizing supper which was efficiently served by Mrs. Eleanor Earley, Miss Annie Kibbie, Miss Edna Perkins and Mrs. Charles Dawson.

The honor roll was read by Past Commander Perkins and of the nine members, four are still in service. They are Major Percival Dove, Corp. Sam Moody of the army, and wireless operator, George W. Harris and Howard Conkey of the navy. Those who have been discharged are Sergt. Olin Richardson, A. E. F.; Raymond Wilson, A. E. F.; Harold Wells, A. E. F.; Robert Miller, U. S. navy (foreign service) and William J. Carroll, U. S. army.

The speaker of the evening was Rev. E. H. Prescott pastor of the Baptist church, and the son of a veteran.

The committee in charge comprised Cutter Foster, George Perkins, William Hatch from the camp, and Miss Early, Miss Annie Kibbie and Mrs. Livingstone from the auxiliary.

### South Church Christian Endeavor Notes

At the meeting of the Christian Endeavor society of the South church last Sunday evening, delegates to the mass meeting which was held in the Y. M. C. A. recently, gave their reports. The speakers were Miss Ruth Gales, Miss Marion Hill, Howard N. French and Edward Carlton, and their reports of the various meetings which they attended were very interesting. Rev. Harry Reid gave a report of a similar conference which was held in Malden in the early part of December. The meeting was led by Miss Charlotte Keith, president of the society.

Next Sunday evening a Christian Endeavor rally is to be held at which all the young people in the South church over fourteen years of age, are urged to be present. A campaign for new members is on and many young people are wanted to swell the ranks. Mr. Griffin of the Baptist church is to speak at the meeting and an interesting program is assured.

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## WEST PARISH

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Wilcox of Chandler road spent Thursday in Braintree.

The senior class at the Homemaking school, Hathorne, served at the banquet given the senior class, Essex Agricultural School.

Dorothy Cutler is at her home on Lowell street for a three weeks' vacation. Miss Cutler is a student at Mt. Holyoke college.

Mr. Bailey of Chandler road has sold his farm and bought one of eighty acres in East Draut to which he expects to move on Saturday.

On Monday a chimney fire in the house on Chandler road owned by Louis Dane made it necessary to call the fire truck. The fire was extinguished without serious damage.

Helen Lewis, a member of the senior class of Essex County Homemaking school is spending the holidays at her home on Lowell street. Miss Lewis is one of those chosen to give a series of lessons on bread-making to a class in Lawrence beginning sometime in January.

The lecture hour at the Grange on Tuesday evening was filled by reports from Master-elect Abbot, lecturer-elect, Carter, Samuel Bailey and Madeline Hewes. These spicy reports told those present that the convention had been unusually interesting and that a great deal of work had been accomplished.

Saturday evening the many friends of Irene W. Kress pleasantly surprised her when they gathered at her home to help celebrate her eighteenth birthday anniversary. There were many gifts among which was a beautiful birthday cake surrounded by eighteen candles. Following the cutting of the cake the guests were served with apple pie and ice cream, cake, coffee and fruit. This was followed by dancing until eleven o'clock. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Kress, Mr. and Mrs. Colquhoun, Mr. and Mrs. Champion, Miss Fraiser, Jennie Burr, Esther Boutwell, Helen Johnson, Irene Kress, Harry Rogers, Rudolph Johnson, Vera Kress, Carl Griffin, John O'Hare, Mr. Hedden, Mr. Roman, Everett Boutwell and Harriet Colquhoun.

## ABBOTT VILLAGE

Miss Catherine Hastings is ill at her home at Hillside.

Mrs. Annie Murray of Brechin Terrace spent last Saturday visiting friends in Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keith of Stevens street are rejoicing over the birth of a son last Friday.

James MacDonald of Revere visited his brother John at his home on Red Spring road, last Sunday.

Miss Zena McNab has returned to her home on Red Spring road after four weeks' illness in the Boston hospital.

John Nicoll of Beverly spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Nicoll of Shawheen road.

Mrs. Archibald McLaren of Stevens street underwent an operation at the Lawrence General hospital last week. She is resting comfortably.

Robert Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Black of Brechin Terrace returned home this week after his discharge from the army at Staten Island.

The first rehearsal of the chorus of the Smith and Dove minstrels was held in the Village Hall, Sunday afternoon under the direction of Frank Flagg of Lawrence, and a successful start was made. Rehearsals will be held weekly in the Village Hall and the show will be presented about the first week in February.

There will be a meeting of the employees of the Smith and Dove Company in the Village Hall tonight with the intention of forming an athletic organization to control the new athletic field made by the company on the old cricket grounds, also to arrange for a strong baseball team in the spring and for basketball teams in the winter months. Soccer football will be considered and with facilities for canoeing and swimming there is much for such a club to do to build up a proper Smith and Dove spirit, or rather develop it from the little bursts of loyalty that have been shown in past athletic events and in the war work activities in which the employees took part.

## BALLARDVALE

**UNION CONGREGATIONAL**  
Rev. A. H. Fuller, Pastor

10.30. Christmas Sermon by the pastor. Special music by the choir. Sunday School to follow.  
6.00. V.P.S.C.E.

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL**  
Rev. J. P. Cordero, Pastor

10.30. Christmas sermon by the pastor. Sunday School to follow.  
4.30. Christmas concert.  
6.15. Epworth League.  
7.00. Evening service with address by pastor.

Mrs. J. W. Purrington of Marland road is seriously ill.

Clyde Bridges of Colorado is the guest of Howard Conkey of Porter road.

Miss Katherine O'Neil of Dale street spent the week-end with friends in Boston.

The friends of William Caffrey sympathize with him in the death of his wife.

Mrs. Foster Matthews of Lawrence spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Steed.

Miss Lizzie Rowland of Lawrence spent Wednesday with Mrs. J. H. Smith on High street.

On Sunday a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dimmock who formerly lived in the Vale.

Mrs. Edward York of South Lawrence visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. John McIntyre on Monday.

J. Edwin Shaw of Melrose Highlands spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Martha Shaw, Center street.

On next Thursday evening Rev. J. P. Cordero will speak on "The Third Beatitude." An invitation is extended to all.

The mid-week service of the Congregational church was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Shaw, High street.

Sorrow is felt that little Joseph Ferrer of Tewksbury street, fell and broke a bone in his arm. The boy is now in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morse of Washington, D. C., are visiting at the home of the latter's father, Henry Clukey of Center street.

Howard Conkey of Porter road has arrived home from overseas. He attended the dance at the community room on Saturday evening.

Christmas music is being rehearsed in both the Methodist and Congregational churches, music being one of the special observances of the season.

The special singing by the choir of the Methodist church is very inspiring. The solo "Holy Night" sung by Miss Helen Moody, was especially pleasing.

It is pleasing to know that return trip tickets may be obtained at our local station for Andover and Lawrence. It is an accommodation which the patrons of the railroad appreciate.

At a recent mass meeting held in the Lawrence Y. M. C. A. rooms, Melvin Haynes and Gertrude Clark, president and vice president of the Freshman class at Punchard attended as delegates.

An athletic meet is being planned to take place between the schools of Lawrence, Methuen and the Andovers on January 16th. This spirit of co-operation is a very fine thing for all the schools.

The Christmas concert of the Methodist Sunday School will be held Sunday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock. The concert committee is comprised of the following persons: Mrs. J. H. Stubbs, chairman; Mrs. George R. Moody, Mrs. J. L. White and Miss Gertrude Stark.

## Bacon Bat

On Friday evening, December 12th, a most enjoyable bacon bat was held in "Camp Mandalay." About twenty young people gathered together and spent a very happy evening playing games and dancing.

The menu of the evening consisted of bacon and rolls, frankfurts, gingerbread, pickles, candy, fruit and coffee. The bat was in charge of Misses Helen Conkey and Marion Matthews, assisted by Mrs. Elmer Conkey and Mr. and Mrs. William Matthews.

## Pie Social

The "Py" social which was held in the Methodist vestry last Monday evening was a pronounced success in every particular. The table was exceedingly attractive with a miniature Christmas tree in the center as chief adornment. To satisfy the inner man were "pys" of all description, besides cake, doughnuts and coffee at a nominal sum.

Benjamin Nason, the retiring chairman of the social committee was assisted by Mrs. Nason, Miss Ethel Howell, Mrs. Prudence Brown and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds.

## Friendly Class Play

The play, "My Cousin Timmy," given by the Friendly Class in Bradlee Hall last Wednesday evening was a success in every way. The several characters being portrayed in an excellent manner.

The play deals with boarding school life and much interest and merriment was caused by the actions of the pupils of the school.

Miss Bethra Alderny the mistress of the school was cleverly portrayed by Miss Helen Mason.

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## WEST PARISH

Miss Hazel Buck as Maggie the maid, and her companion, John Mason, as Jonas the gardener, were happily placed and their rather bashful courtship was helped along by the efforts of Bonnie and her chum Fudge, as played by Marion Matthews and Christine Marland.

Stella Mayburn, the senior girl and a former favorite was well given by Miss Beatrice Buckley.

Mildred Buck, Gertrude Clark and Gladys Bates carried out their respective parts in fine style.

Cousin Timmy, the false one, gave much pleasure, as acted by Marion Matthews, who advocated a rough house and a dance as part of school discipline, much to the dismay of the mistress of the school.

Upon the arrival of the real Cousin Timmy every one was dumb-founded and Bonnie made a quick get-away. Fred Shattuck, as the real Cousin Timmy left nothing to the imagination.

Preceding the play a short entertainment was given, consisting of a piano solo by Gladys Bates; reading, Miss Virginia Ramsdell, "Mrs. Jones's Pirate," which won the prize at the Goldsmith speaking; solo, "In the Time of Roses", Miss Nellie Matthews. The proceeds of the play will be used for various worthy objects.

## WEST PARISH

Laura Richards of Newburyport was a week-end guest at the home of her classmate, Helen Lewis.

Saturday evening at eight o'clock the Osgood District people will hold their Community Christmas tree in the school building. Miss Edith Fraiser and Mrs. Hugh Colquhoun have the evening's entertainment in charge. Refreshments will be served after Santa Claus' visit. Come and have a good time and help others have the best time ever.

The West church Sunday School will have its Christmas tree in the vestry on Christmas Eve. The committee in charge is William Rennie and Carl Griffin. They assure all that Santa Claus will be there on time to distribute the gifts. An entertainment is planned and the presence of every child in the Sunday School is the one thing needed to make the evening a complete success.

## Rebekahs Elected Officers

Monday night Indian Ridge Rebekah lodge, 136, I. O. O. F., met in Odd Fellows' hall and elected officers as follows: Noble Grand, Mrs. Ira Buxton; vice-grand, Mrs. James Walker;

recording secretary, Sadie Hobbs; financial secretary, Mrs. Frank Holt; treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Faulkner; trustee for three years, George Holt; representatives to Rebekah assembly, Mrs. Frank S. Valentine, Mrs. Charles S. Buchan and Miss Charlotte Hill. Ap-

pointive officers will be announced later by Mrs. Buxton, noble grand. Following the social hour, refreshments were served by Miss Bertha O. Higgins, Miss Grace Higgins, Mrs. Edward C. Emslie, Mrs. Samuel Workman, and Mrs. Susan Wood.

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At the conclusion of the first season in which aviators have maintained an organized fire patrol in the United States, the officials of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, state that the record made by the airplane has proved beyond question its effectiveness as an aid in discovering and locating forest fires.

This new flying undertaking was performed by the Air Service of the War Department, with its personnel and equipment and at the expense of that organization. For three months uninterrupted service was maintained, and a total of 745 flights covering 92,605 miles were made. Many fires were discovered, located, and reported in advance of the regular Forest Service detection organization.

Six patrol routes covering national forest areas of high value in California were followed, and twice each day, six Curtiss airplanes covered the better part of 9,000,000 acres of rough, mountainous, heavily timbered country. The average non-stop run was 160 miles; the average round trip, 320 miles.

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### A MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING

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ficulty in clearing up some phases of the case, to call in the state police. Richard J. Griffin of the state force came to Andover on Monday and spent several hours questioning members of the Nicoll family and neighbors with the result that at night he expressed himself as satisfied that death was due to the accidental discharge of a revolver which Nicoll was probably in the act of cleaning, fully confirming the stand taken by Chief Smith.

Dr. George W. Dow, medical examiner, who, in signing the death certificate, gave "probable accidental shooting" as the cause of death, said: "While of course, I cannot say positively how the fatality occurred there is no question in my mind but that the shooting was accidental. Nicoll undoubtedly walked to one of the open windows after he had shot himself and called for help, as one of the neighbors heard some one calling but paid no attention, thinking that it was some one shouting in the street."

Nicoll was found by his wife lying in a pool of blood at their home in Higgins court, Saturday night about 8:00 o'clock. His brother William came home shortly afterward and he summoned Dr. E. C. Conroy, who, after a superficial examination, gave it as his opinion that Nicoll, who had been severely wounded a little over a year ago, had bled to death as result of the re-opening of an old shrapnel wound. The police were given that information and they in turn notified Medical Examiner Dow, who ordered the body turned over to Undertaker Everett W. Lundgren. On Sunday, Dr. Dow made his examination of the body of Nicoll and it was then discovered that death was due to a fresh bullet wound and not to the re-opening of an old wound.

Meanwhile on the assumption that Nicoll had died of natural causes, that is, the re-opening of an old wound as Dr. Conroy had diagnosed the case, the family, with the assistance of neighbors, had cleaned up the room in which Nicoll met his death, burned his clothing, picked up the revolver, took out the empty shell and placed the weapon on a bureau in an adjoining room and then in a closet. The revolver was one which Nicoll had secured overseas from a German, and it had been lying around the house unloaded for some time.

The revolver was later turned over to the police, but at first the dead man's relatives were reluctant to go into details as to what they had done in regard to cleaning up the room after the body had been removed. They told their full story to State Officer Griffin, however, and made a satisfactory explanation of all the circumstances which in some quarters had been looked upon as suspicious.

The state police will not continue the investigation, Officer Griffin having come to the conclusion after investigation, that death was accidental and the medical examiner has so signed the death certificate.

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Deceased is survived by his wife and two children and two brothers, William of this town and John Nicoll of New York.

### Bowling

The Old Men's team made its comeback to the Hillside alleys last Friday evening and defeated the Hacklers five, 3 to 1. Captain Guthrie and Hughes were best for the ancients with high strings of 101 and 102 respectively. For the Hacklers, Nicoll and Deyermund excelled with high strings of 102 and 109 respectively.

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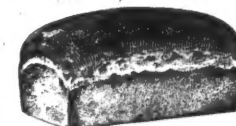
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Recently everyone of the "Coming Events" was a reminder of something educational which had been prepared for the benefit of the people of Andover. What unusual opportunities are offered by Mr. Crawford's lectures on "Historical English Grammar," Mr. Brewster's lessons in astronomy, the courses of study in literature, music, art, drama, social science, and the travel talks open to the more than two hundred club women in Andover, not to mention the lessons in "Household Efficiency," dress-making and millinery directed by agents of the Department of Agriculture and last but not least, the course in conversational French under the inspiring instruction of M. D'Avesne! This latter opportunity is exceptional and is one of the remarkable advantages furnished practically free of charge by the State Department of Education. Its only disadvantage is that the lesson falls at an hour when only persons of comparative leisure are able to attend.

Senator William Calder from New York has recently made a statement that to most of the people in this country "home" means little more than a dwelling place for which they are paying rent. He bases this statement on the fact that fifty-two percent of the people in America lived under the rental system, according to the census enumeration of 1890, that in 1910 the percentage had increased to fifty-five and concludes that the census of 1920 will show that fully sixty percent of the people will be classes as tenants.

It is improbable that such conditions do or will prevail in Andover, as the tide seems to be in quite the opposite direction. The recent transfers of real estate have been more numerous than for many years and in the majority of cases these transfers have meant the purchase of homes. In spite of the phenomenally high price of building, several houses are also in the process of construction.

Though the inexperienced may gain a surprising amount of information about the cost of labor for repairs, about insurance and taxes, yet it is a move in the right direction, for being a householder and a taxpayer gives a new sense of obligation toward the community in which he lives, not only while sharing its responsibilities but while enjoying its benefits.

A year ago soldiers in uniform were a common sight everywhere, but for the last few months they have been comparatively rare. With the coming of cold weather the army overcoat in the well known khaki brown has made its appearance reminding us once more how many Andover boys were in the service.

Those who lived through the period immediately after the Civil War, say that the blue army overcoat with its short cape which was part of the uniform of the sixties, was a familiar garment for twenty years. Will any of the khaki coats stand such a period of service?

Did Captain Cooper realize he was making a pun, when he promised to show us "reel warfare"?

*The Townsman*

## NEW RESIDENCE DAMAGED

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cruel task. One hydrant was found frozen and the hose was handled with great difficulty. An open gallery in the large entrance hall was soon coated with ice and was a serious menace to the lives of the firemen, several of whom narrowly escaped injury at this point. Nearly all the men are suffering from frozen ears, fingers or feet.

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## BALLARDVALE

Ralph Greenwood is ill at his home on Clark road with scarlet fever.

On Saturday, December 13th a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Higgins of Akron, Ohio. Mr. Higgins was a former resident of this village.

The Christmas Tree exercises of the Congregational church will be held in Bradley hall on Wednesday evening. A play, "Aunt Sabrina's Christmas" by Miss Henderson's class, is to furnish the entertainment of the evening.

## Wedding

On Wednesday evening at 6.30 o'clock Miss Ruth Lillian Greenwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Greenwood of Andover street, and John Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson of Ballardvale road, were united in marriage by the Rev. Augustus H. Fuller, at the bride's home on Andover street.

The bride was attired in white chiffon trimmed with satin bands over white lace and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. Miss Mabel Greenwood acted as bridesmaid and wore peach crepe de chine. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The groom was attended by his brother, who is affiliated as best man. Only immediate friends and relatives of the families were present. A dainty lunch was served to those present. The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful gifts.

After their return from their wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson will be at home to their friends on Clark road.

## Christmas Tree Exercises

The Mothers' Club met in the schoolhouse and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon on Thursday, December 18th. The entertainment of the afternoon consisted of a song, "That Wonderful Mother of Mine" by Mrs. F. Holland; reading by Mrs. E. Conkey, who gave an interesting description of the battleship Haraden, on which her son Howard recently returned from Europe; song, "Baby Dreams", Mrs. Harry Nason; reading, "Biney's Christmas", Mrs. Wm. Matthews; singing, "Joy to the World" by all the mothers; reading, "The Little Match Girl" by Miss Nelson.

The Christmas gifts were then distributed making a lot of fun. Dainty refreshments of sandwiches, puffed rice balls, candy and coffee were served by

the social committee, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Conkey and Mrs. Bates.

## Rachmaninoff

Within easy recollection Mr. Rachmaninoff in America was but an occasional Russian name upon concert programmes, — the composer of sundry "favorite" piano pieces that even other pianists included in their recitals and of various songs that audiences heard gladly as often as appreciative singers ventured them. Now, after a single season of relatively few concerts in comparatively few cities, his fame as an illustrious pianist has spread far and wide in the United States, coupled with no small note as a remarkable and impressive personality among the musicians of our day. When, after much personal suffering, he took refuge in America from the disorders and oppressions in his own country, he was only vaguely remembered in the concert hall from an earlier brief and distant visit.

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